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For: SPECIMEN PREPROCESSING AND CONVEYING SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2006, the period for response having been extended two (2) months by petition herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5.